

*****New Building Recycling Rules*****

Dear Tenant,

Seattle has a well-deserved reputation as a recycling city. However, Seattle spends more than \$26 million every year to send 920 million pounds of garbage to a landfill, where it will sit for thousands of years. About 25% of Seattle's garbage is still made up of recyclable items such as paper, cardboard, cans and bottles.

The City of Seattle recently passed an ordinance that requires all businesses and residences (including apartments, townhouses and condominiums), to recycle. Keeping recyclables out of the garbage will save Seattle residents as much as \$2 million each year and keep future garbage bills low.

Ordinance 121372 states:

“As of January 1, 2005, all residents...shall separate paper, cardboard, glass and plastic bottles and jars, and aluminum and tins cans for recycling; and no paper, cardboard, glass or plastic bottles and jars and aluminum or tin cans shall be deposited in the garbage.”

Beginning in January 2006, if a garbage container has significant amounts of recyclables (more than 10% by volume), a \$50 surcharge can be added to the account garbage bill.

Let's not waste a good thing. We appreciate your cooperation in putting all of your recyclable paper, cardboard, cans and bottles in recycling containers. Food-soiled paper is not recyclable.

Our recycling containers are located at _____
Please refer to the recycling information posted near those locations.

If you have questions about recycling, you can call **206-RECYCLE** or visit www.seattle.gov/util/Services/Recycling for information.

This recycling ordinance benefits all of us. I would be glad to talk with you if you have questions about our building's recycling system. Thank you for your help!

Sincerely,

Apartment Manager Name